



# Motion to Sponsor/Host a FREE CHP “Child Car Seat Check Up” Event

**Agenda Item:** GB091814-6

**Date:** September 18, 2014

**Proposed By:** Michael Lynn

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## Full Proposal

A child's life depends on the car seat they're riding in. It's imperative to make sure it's properly installed and that it is size appropriate. More than 80 percent of car seats are critically misused.

The CHP established the Child Car Seat Check Up program in 1999, with funding provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. They seek to partner with numerous community organizations that are willing to host and sponsor a Car Seat Check Up Event, which is at no cost to the organization and open to the public (also at no cost.)

Parents and/or Guardians are encouraged to bring their children along with their car seat to a designated location and have it inspected by specially trained Child Safety Seat Technicians. The technicians will be available to properly set up and adjust the car seats for the child. In addition, they provide safety information regarding updated child-restraint laws and proper child-restraint practices.

By Sponsoring (or Hosting) this proposed Event, SORO NC would be responsible for planning and coordinating the Event logistics, promoting the Event to the community, and providing volunteers to assist at the Event. Current promotion plans include a PSA press release to media, email blast to CD 5 & 10, and Social Media postings (Facebook, Twitter, NextDoor, etc...).

## Proposed Motion

That the SORO NC will sponsor a FREE CHP “Car Seat Check” event in November 2014, with the specific date, time and location to be determined upon coordination with the CHP.

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## Considerations

**Committee review:**  
*(highly recommended)*

Votes For: 7

Against: 0

**Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget:** \$ N/A  
*(applies to funding motions only)*

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### Arguments for:

FREE!!!!

Can help protect children from injury or death.

### Arguments against:

Requires a few volunteers.

Success will depend on Publicity and Social Media for Event promotion.

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# Motion to Not Support SB 1818 1058-1064 S. Holt Avenue Project

**Agenda Item:** GB091814-7

**Date:** September 18, 2014

**Proposed By:** Victoria Martin

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## Full Proposal

On August 5, 2014, at the Land Use and Economic Development (LUED) Committee Meeting there was discussion and possible action for the development of a SB 1818, bonus density, 56 foot, 5 story, 19 unit residential building at 1058-1064 S. Holt Avenue. Applicant failed to provide the requested renderings to the LUED Committee at this meeting in order to present the proposed project. The LUED Committee decided to table discussion and possible action to the September 2, 2014 LUED Committee meeting and asked that the Applicant return with the requested renderings. Applicant failed to appear at the LUED Committee meeting on September 2, 2014.

## Proposed Motion

- I. To not support the development of an SB 1818, bonus density, 56 foot, 5 story, 19 unit residential building, 1058-1064 S. Holt Ave. due to failure of Applicant to return to the LUED Committee with requested renderings.
- II. To authorize SORO NC to send a letter to the Planning Department that is not in support of the SB 1818, 1058-1064 S. Holt Avenue project.

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## Considerations

**Committee review:**  
*(highly recommended)*

Votes For: 0

Against:

**Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget:** \$  
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### Arguments for:

Not supporting this Motion will set a precedent that applicants do not have to appear before our LUED Committee or do not have to come prepared to the LUED Committee meetings.

### Arguments against:

Appear anti-development.

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# Motion to support Community Impact Statement for CF-14-0163-S4 Comprehensive City Sidewalk Repair Program / Regular Program for Improvements (Identify, Prioritize and Budget)

**Agenda Item:** GB091814-8  
**Date:** September 18, 2014  
**Proposed By:** Terrence Gomes

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## Full Proposal

LANCC Sidewalks Committee

LANCC has formed an ad hoc committee to review, analyze, and oversee the repair of our sidewalks, consider who is responsible for the repair of the sidewalks, and develop financing alternatives.

Paul Krekorian has proposed a Sidewalk Repair Program (see below) and has asked for Community Impact Statements by October 1, 2014.

On September 6, 2014, LANCC passed the following Community Impact Statement.

The \_\_\_\_\_ Neighborhood Council supports a “fix and release” plan for the repair of our tree damaged sidewalks. The City will issue bonds to finance the repair. There will be no new taxes. The City may develop alternative plans (50/50 program, loan fund, Assessment Districts) that rely on the voluntary participation by Property Owners. Property Owners and the City may retain independent contractors and managers. The City will assess the status of our sidewalks and prioritize the necessary repairs. The City will establish a well-funded, independent Oversight Committee to ensure transparency throughout the process.

The City estimates that 40% (4,600 miles) of its 10,750 miles of sidewalks are in some state of disrepair. The estimated cost to repair the 4,600 miles of damaged sidewalks is \$1.5 billion.

Paul Krekorian commented that a February 2008 Street Services report indicated that 38% of the City’s parcels had sidewalks in need for repair. His rough calculus was that only 12% of our sidewalks are in need of repair.

[http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2005/05-1853\\_rpt\\_boss\\_2-12-08.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2005/05-1853_rpt_boss_2-12-08.pdf)

The City assumed the responsibility for tree damaged sidewalks in 1973, overriding a 1911 state law that assigned responsibility to the property owners.

The City, citing a lack of money, is suggesting alternative financing schemes.

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- The reinstatement of the 50/50 program that was discontinued in 2009.
- A no or low interest revolving loan fund.
- Assessment Districts.
- New “revenue streams” (otherwise known as a tax).

The City is considering increased enforcement.

- Citations.
- Point of sale.
- Point of permit.

The Los Angeles Times endorsed a “fix and release” program where the City would pay for the repair of the sidewalks, after which the sidewalks would be the responsibility of the property owner to appear at the LUED Committee meeting on September 2, 2014.

### Proposed Motion

1. The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council supports a “fix and release” plan for the repair of our tree damaged sidewalks. The City will issue bonds to finance the repair. There will be no new taxes. The City may develop alternative plans (50/50 program, loan fund, Assessment Districts) that rely on the voluntary participation by Property Owners. Property Owners and the City may retain independent contractors and managers. The City will assess the status of our sidewalks and prioritize the necessary repairs. The City will establish a well-funded, independent Oversight Committee to ensure transparency throughout the process.
2. To authorize SORONC to submit a CIS for CF-14-0163-S4 Comprehensive City Sidewalk Repair Program / Regular Program for Improvements (Identify, Prioritize and Budget)

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### Considerations

**Committee review:**  
*(highly recommended)*

Votes For: 0

Against:

**Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget:** \$  
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**Arguments for:**

**Arguments against:**

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### Community Impact Statement



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# Motion to Support Early Notification from the Planning Department for Small Lot Subdivisions

**Agenda Item:** GB091814-9

**Date:** September 18, 2014

**Proposed By:** Victoria Martin

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## Full Proposal

The Los Angeles City Planning Department's Early Notification Report (ENR) is a bi-weekly publication that lists all recent development and land use permit and entitlement requests. The Planning Department organizes the report by neighborhood council district thus making it accessible to neighborhood council stakeholders to see all the development and land use requests in their area.

There is an absence of Early Notification for Small Lot Subdivisions on the Early Notification Report. Developers may invest substantial time and money on a Small Lot Subdivision project before SORO NC board members and stakeholders receive notice and can evaluate the proposed project.

## Proposed Motion

- I. To support an Early Notification for Small Lot Subdivisions.
- II. To authorize SORO NC to send a letter to the Planning Department in support of an Early Notification for Small Lot Subdivisions.

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## Considerations

**Committee review:**  
*(highly recommended)*

Votes For: 0

Against:

**Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget:** \$  
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### Arguments for:

Early notification will allow SORO NC and stakeholders to work with developers during the process.

There is likely to be less lawsuits against developers due to advance notice to community groups.

### Arguments against:

Early notification may shift risk to developers due to tract map approval process.

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# Motion to recommend ways to increase voter turnout

**Agenda Item:** GB091814-10

**Date:** 18 September 2014

**Proposed By:** Doug Fitzsimmons

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## Full Proposal

By all measures, voter turnout in the last few elections in the City and County has been abysmal. It is a trend that undermines civic involvement and the legitimacy of the elected. As the LA Times put it:

“A democracy in which local officials are selected by just 1 in 5 or 1 in 8 or 1 in 10 voters is obviously not working.”

(<http://www.latimes.com/opinion/editorials/la-ed-voter-turnout-20140822-story.html>)

Council President Herb Wesson therefore has asked the Neighborhood Councils to suggest ways to increase turnout.

Some of the changes may be procedural. The 2020 Commission (<http://www.la2020reports.org/reports/A-Time-For-Action.pdf>) has recommended that municipal elections be held at the same time as State and Federal elections. The LA Ethics Commission has suggested a cash lottery to encourage voters. Others recommend online voting, allowing people to vote at any polling location city-wide, and holding fewer special elections.

Others may be longer-term solutions, like increasing the civics curriculum in schools, or encouraging a broader diversity of candidates.

The base motion does not include any specific ideas; rather, it is written to allow the NC to brainstorm ideas and include the most promising via amendments.

## Proposed Motion

To help increase voter turnout in Los Angeles municipal elections, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council suggests the following:

- I. [First item]
- II. [Second item]
- III. etc.

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## Considerations

**Committee review:**  
(highly recommended)

Votes For: 0

Against:

**Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget:** \$  
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